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RAPE VICTIM
COMPLAINS ABOUT
TREATMENT BY NBC

by David Bauder

NEW YORK (AP) — A rape victim whose story was told on *Dateline NBC* last week complained after seeing an advance screening that the documentary is distorted and "fails the flames of racism."

The documentary's producer said Monday that she was surprised by the criticism, saying the victim seems to have the show to thank for not painting her as a liar or the victim of the alleged rapist.

Wednesday's episode of the show was devoted to Karen Pomer, a Santa Monica, CA woman who was raped and held captive at gunpoint for six hours, and subsequently went public with her story because of dissatisfaction with the police investigation.

Maria Shriver narrates "Screens in the Night," which is billed as an effort to "document one woman's journey from crime victim to crusader."

Pomer, in a letter to NBC officials, said she was "publicly disassociating" herself from the show and accused the network of concentrating too much on the racial angle of the story. She is white and her attacker was black.

"I feel very betrayed by them. I feel very hurt," Pomer said in an interview the Monday before the

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PARADE DIDN'T WANT
BLACK SANTA

TOLEDO, OH (AP) — Dressed as Santa Claus, Jessie Peck sat in a horse-drawn carriage, ready to join the city's holiday parade. He ended up watching it go by.

Peck said he was ordered out of the float because it's black. He said he heard someone say over a walkie-talkie, "Stop the black Santa."

Parade organizers deny the allegation, saying he didn't have permission to appear as Santa.

Peck, a disc jockey at radio station WDXM-FM in Toledo, was to ride on the station's float last Saturday with three co-workers. About 40,000 people watched the two-hour parade.

Peck stated that the float was about to merge into the parade when a young woman stopped him and said he had to get off.

"She never said there was a problem with the float. She never said we didn't have the proper credentials. She didn't have a problem with anyone else except for me," he said. One co-worker was black, the other two were white.

He said the woman did not identify herself or explain why he had to leave the float.

"The next thing I knew I heard a woman shout on the walkie-talkie: 'Stop the black Santa, don't let the black Santa get by you,'" Peck said. "She repeated the phrase three times."

"Peck's claim that he was pulled from the parade because of his race is nonsense," said Cifteff, a civil rights nonprofit group that helped organize the parade.

The group said the radio station did not have permission to have a Santa Claus in the parade.

Clyde Roberts, executive vice president of the station, acknowledged that WDXM did not ask parade organizers for permission. The organizers already had a Santa Claus in the float behind the station's carriage, and wanted only one, he said. He does not believe the incident was racially motivated.

Peck said the incident humiliated him. "Black people live here and pay taxes here. We're part of this city and we want to be represented. It's a public parade ... and we should be allowed to have a black Santa Claus."

by Ron L. Holland

NEWARK — Prior to the state's takeover of the largest school district in NJ, the Newark school system was riddled with scandal, corruption, mismanagement and blatant fraud.

From the hierarchy of administration to the lower levels of faculty, numerous district employees and school board members marred the trust of parents, taxpayers and children, oblivious to the trail of deceit.

So significant was the trial, that its effects were evident in the academic performance of the students. In 1993 for example, only 25 percent of the district's 11th grade students could pass all three sections of the High School Proficiency Test (HSPT). Of

the original 3,259 students in the class of 1995, only 438 (13 percent) passed the HSPT in October of 1993, while only 790 (24 percent) passed after re-

Further affecting academic performance, was the misappropriation of funds that denied district students the essential tools for achievement, and adequate facilities conducive to a learning environment.

According to a report released during a press conference in Trenton, many of the district schools were insufficiently supplied with instructional material and equipment.

Student bathrooms were filthy, toilets were non-existent, ceiling plumbing and electrical wires were exposed and peeling paint and plaster

was part of the schools' decor.

Since state operation began in 1995 however, preventative measures were implemented and an aggressive plan of accountability is in place to sustain visible and significant improvements.

"It just delighted that I had the opportunity today to present, both to the state board, the commissioner and to the audience, the strategic plan which we believe represents our roadmaps to really putting the school system of Newark on the road to excellence," said Superintendent Hall during a press conference following a progress report to the state board of education.

Hall noted that many questioned the plans for achievement, but was proud to admit "we do believe that it

can be done."

The plan outlines specific areas of interest that are already benefiting from a six-step preliminary campaign initiated by Hall.

To date, she has redirected \$26.3 million into educational programs such as full-day kindergarten and \$3.4 million in new text books are available for all 82 schools.

The state-appointed Superintendent has established guidance services in every elementary school, and established a technical and vocational at high school termed "Technology High" that is equipped with state-of-the-art computer and additional technological materials.

Because of improving test results, Hall has established a baseline to build

off of gains in the elementary schools. In language arts, reading results show a 5 percent increase, and in math a 4 percent jump in scoring.

In evaluating administrative shortcomings, particularly in principalship, district principals are now attending a leadership institute that provides for professional development. A \$125,000 award from the Dodge Foundation was given to provide development fellowships for 25 principals.

Hall has also implemented a massive cleanup campaign to restore a healthy environment for the district's children. Horrific and unhealthy conditions in the buildings are under continuing correction.

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Newark schools on the way to recovery

Urban League: Code of conduct needed for cops



Mrs. Narves Gammage, mother of the 31-year-old police choke hold victim in Pittsburgh and National Urban League President Hugh B. Price, calling on President Clinton for a summit on police misconduct and a national code of conduct for police.

Photo by Ray Lewis.

Justice Department to investigate Adams killing

by Myra A. Thomas

WASHINGTON, DC — Using his stationery from the U.S. Congress and the Congressional Black Caucus, New Jersey Representative Donald Payne recently penned a letter to the U.S. Justice Department regarding the clearing of a New Brunswick policeman in the fatal shooting of a woman.

In a stern and to-the-point follow-up to a previous letter to the Justice Department, Rep. Payne demanded the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights (the Honorable Deval Patrick) to initiate an investigation into the killing.

"I was shocked to learn that notwithstanding the unanswered questions and unexplained areas of concern surrounding the shooting death of Carolyn Adams, the jury failed to indict Patrolman Consalvo," wrote Rep. Payne in his November 25 letter.

"During our previous meeting on this issue, you indicated that if the jury did not indict, you would commence an investigation into this matter."

Rep. Payne was shocked to learn that notwithstanding the unanswered questions and unexplained areas of concern surrounding the shooting death of Carolyn Adams, the jury failed to indict Patrolman Consalvo," wrote Rep. Payne in his November 25 letter.

"The late Carolyn Adams, an African-American woman, was killed on September 10 by Officer James Consalvo, a white patrolman, after a short struggle."

Consalvo maintains that he was trying to arrest Adams on the suspicion of solicitation, when she engaged him in a fierce struggle — a struggle he contends that results in his being held.

The appropriateness of the paradigm of Adams and the failure to call for backup are just two of the issues of concern.

In a recent interview with City News, New Brunswick Police Director Michael Beltranena Jr. said the date of the administrative hearing had yet to be set. "It is really in the hands of the hearing officer," Beltranena said.

Rep. Payne took his recent written request one step further, to ask the Justice Department to open an investigation into the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office.

Rep. Payne had previously denounced the grand jury findings and questioned the handling of the case by the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office.

Myron Martin, spokesperson for the U.S. Justice Department in Washington, DC, confirmed that the Department was in the midst of an investigation.

"We have already opened an investigation into the investigation of the incident, to determine if there were federal criminal rights violations," Martin said.

The grand jury decision came as a disappointment to many in the local African-American community — a community concerned over the influence of race in the use of deadly force by the police department.

Officer Consalvo remains suspended without pay from the New Brunswick Police Department. He will soon face an administrative hearing led by the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office. The issue at question will be whether or not the Officer used appropriate police protocol with Adams.

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Assemblyman Jones disagrees with Whitman's stance on Texaco

TRENTON — Assembly Deputy Minority Leader LeRoy J. Jones, Jr. (D-Essex) recently issued a statement to the press, in reaction to Governor Whitman's response to a proposal to divest the state of Texaco stock holdings.

In his statement, Jones said, "Governor Whitman has apparently decided to give the benefit of the doubt to Texaco executives, when they have not yet earned the trust of this state, the nation or the minority community."

Governor Whitman had previously stated that she would want to assess what effect a divestiture of Texaco stock would have on the state's pension system.

While the Governor condemned the scandal at Texaco, she did note that the steps to correct concerns at Texaco might negate the need for divestiture.

In his statement, the press, Jones went on to say, "I'd like to believe that Governor Whitman's statement was just a quick response and not one she decides to maintain."

The Governor has clung to a philosophy of "many faces, one family," and ignoring Texaco's corporate racism would certainly be an affront to many of the faces in this family."

New Jersey currently holds \$900 million shares of Texaco stock valued at \$100 million, purchased through the state's \$52 billion pension system.

Jones added that once relieved of its Texaco stock holdings, the state would be forbidden from reinvesting



Assembly Deputy Minority Leader LeRoy Jones, Jr.

in Texaco until the company had demonstrated a proven record of tolerance and diversity, and respect for the state's minority community.

This divestiture not only would send a message to Texaco, it would impress upon all large corporations that whenever women or minorities are exploited, ridiculed, or discriminated against."

On December 5, Jones introduced legislation that would force the state to divest itself of Texaco stock. The bill requires the sale to result in a profit beneficial to the state's current and future pension recipients.

The Assemblyman's actions come

in the wake of the record-setting discrimination lawsuit that Texaco recently settled, with a \$176 million award for its African-American employees.

The case caused national outrage because of tape recordings that captured senior company executives planning the destruction of lawsuit-related documents. Audit trails also revealed top-level Texaco executives using racial epithets to describe African-American employees.

Jones, who is planning to run for Congress, is calling for a corporate roundtable of chief executives from the state's Fortune 500 companies, to address the need for effective diversity programs in the private sector.

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Community Calendar

THRU DECEMBER 27

WOODBRIDGE—The Barron Arts Center will present an exhibition entitled "Train: Trains as Art" featuring a play of model trains directed by Michael Gelenksy. For more info call 908-634-0413.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

NORTHBRANCH—The RVCC Jazz Ensemble will perform their winter concert at 8:30 p.m. in the Webley Little Theatre at Princeton Community College. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults, \$5.00 for students and \$5.00 for seniors. For ticket information call 908-725-3420.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

WILLIAMSTOWN—The Bethany Singers present "Celebrating Jesus" an elegant black & white affair featuring food, fun & fellowship plus sing-along. The event will be held at the Manor Black Horse Pkwy 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$30. For more information call the Bethany Church 609-784-2220.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

EDISON—the Middlesex County College Hispanic American Club will sponsor a special party for kids at the Fullerton Housing Development Center. The American Club will present and plan a Christmas party, complete with Santa. The event will be held at 346 West 17th Street, from 11 am to 3 pm. For more info call 212-1300.

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JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College will host its 39th annual "Holiday Choral Concert" at 8:00 p.m. in the Mar-

gar Williams Theatre of Heppburn Hall, on the College campus at 2039 Kennedy Boulevard. For more information call the JCC Department of Music, Dance, and Theatre at 201-220-3151.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

JERSEY CITY—The Jersey City State College will offer two courses for individuals seeking certification as alcohol and drug abuse counselors in the state of New Jersey. For more info call 201-200-3089.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

NORTHBRANCH—the Nebraska Theatre Caravan presents Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol at the Edward Nash Theatre at the North Valley Community College. Presentations are held at 3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$17 and \$22. For more info call 908-725-3420. For groups of 10 or more call, Alanzo Cartledge, 908-233-6881.

DECEMBER 15-18

OCEAN GROVE—the New Jersey Division of Travel and Tourism announces a Victorian Holiday Festival of home tours, period costumes and concerts. For more info call 1-800-JERSEY-7.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

JERSEY CITY—Learn to make long lasting outdoor decorations and table centerpieces from fresh greens. Hudson County Community College from 1-4 p.m. For class info call 201-714-2107.

SUMMIT—DECEMBER 17

SUMMIT—the Sunbeam choral will hold their annual Christmas Concert at the Central Presbyterian Church, 70 Maple Street. Free admission. Show date Wednesday, December 18, 8 p.m. For more info call 201-762-8466.

DECEMBER 17-18

EAST ORANGE—the Secrets of Home NACAC, E.O. Local Assistance Board and Hudson River, Inc. 6 p.m. at 7 Glenwood Ave. Seating is limited, call 201-266-1229.

PEOPLE



Artist, poet, and performer Jayne Cortez (r) discusses her work with Dr. Denise Mullen, (l) chair of Jersey City State College's Art Department, and Ben Jones, an art professor at the college, at the opening of her show. Cortez, who became involved in printmaking in 1974 and has been creating monoprints since 1984, exhibited 15 monoprints that combine her own words and images.



PASSAIC—Two AmeriCorps volunteers test the water at the Passaic River for e-coli pollution. The effort was part of a statewide project called NJ Community Water Watch, which is run by New Jersey Public Research Group and Law & Policy Center (NJPRC). The group released important information about Newark's water quality and also kicked off plans to "watchdog" the Passaic River.



GALDWELL—John H. Moore, a Newark (2nd from r) is sworn in as a member of the Executive Board of the Local 68 International Union of Operating Engineers by Theodore F. Kulesza, ILLC-O.E. Regional Director, while Vincent J. Giblin, Local 68 Business Manager (l) and Thomas P. Giblin, President look on.

Gill measure aiding non-profits advances

TRENTON—The Assembly State Government Committee recently passed a legislation sponsored by Assembly Democratic Whip Nia Gill.

The legislation will make it easier for non-profit organizations to purchase materials.

"This bill will enable non-profit groups to acquire goods and equipment at reduced rates, just as local governments and school districts currently do," said Gill (D-Desse). "These savings will help these important non-

profit service organizations to be more efficient and productive."

The measure (A-2203) would apply to non-profits established in New Jersey for charitable, literary or edu-

cational purposes, for scientific testing for public safety, for the prevention of crime or for children, for the promotion of research or education or to foster amateur sports competition.

The bill would apply only to non-profit organizations that have contracts with the state and meet minimum qualifying thresholds. Gill said the state could examine the results from this pilot program to determine if group discounts should apply to all non-profit organizations.

The state has over 4,000 non-profit organizations of which more than 600 have contracts with the New Jersey Department of Human Services' Division of Youth and Family Services.

"Non-profit organizations provide tremendous assets to our residents," said Gill. "However they run on shoestring budgets limiting the full scope of services being offered." The measure was approved by a unanimous margin.

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- Religion
- Economic & Community Development
- Corporate Community Involvement
- Media, Arts & Culture
- Civil Rights

BLACK CAUCUS HEAD SAYS:

by William C. Mann

WASHINGTON, DC (AP) — With continued world conflict, the ethnic hatred in central Africa threatens to engulf much of the continent's eastern half in violence, the head of the Congressional Black Caucus said Wednesday.

Rep. Donald M. Payne said the United States risks losing its leadership of the post-Cold War world by leaving the African cauldron unattended "while we sit trying to make up our minds."

Payne, D-N.J., lectured the Clinton administration at a hearing in which

administration officials spoke of fresh tensions to come in Rwanda; cross-border fighting in Zaire involving Ugandans; continuing ethnic turmoil in Burundi; and refugee pressures in Tanzania, Burundi, Rwanda and Zaire.

"The situation we have today is the result of not facing the situation adequately two years ago," Payne said. "With the intent to contain the turmoil, he said, it could help central Africa from Tanzania as far west as Sudan and west as Zambia."

Phyllis Oakley, an assistant secretary of state, said the Rwandan dilemma already improved greatly with the return of 600,000 Hutus, who fled to Zaire after tribal extremists slaughtered

a half-million Rwandans of the Tutsi tribe in 1994.

The exiles went back in mid-November, but 200,000 to 400,000 Rwandans still roam the jungles of northern Zaire, Oakley said. She said Zairian rebels have prevented relief workers from going into the area even to count how many there are.

"Remarkably, given the still very fresh nature of the violence, human rights monitors have seen almost no cases of retribution," she told the House Foreign Relations international operations and human rights subcommittee.

She said plans are in abeyance for sending a multinational force, which the U.N. Security Council authorized before the refugees unexpectedly returned to Rwanda. Canada, which would lead the force, the United States

and others are considering what would be necessary to mount an airdrop to resupply those still in Zaire.

Oakley also predicted tensions will rise in coming weeks as Tutsi squatters who took over Hutu houses after their own dwellings were destroyed in the ethnic violence are forced to vacate the homes they have taken over.

In next-door Burundi, the United States wants to help the Hutu rebels to negotiate a cease-fire in their ethnic violence, which also is killing many civilians. Richard Bogosian, the State Department's coordinator for Rwanda and Burundi, said little progress is being made.

Bogosian also said about 100 American and other missionaries, fled the northeastern Zaire town of Rethi after Uganda sent in troops last week-

end. He said Washington is urging the Ugandans to exercise restraint, even if provoked by Ugandan rebels operating from Zaire. The latest appeal went to Kampala on Wednesday, he said.

Both Payne and Rep. Christopher Smith, R-N.J., the subcommittee's chairman, complained that Washington seems inordinately worried about shoring up Zaire's president, Mobutu Sese Seko, rather than Europe from causing another. Both pictured him as a corrupt dictator.

Payne noted that Mobutu was a foil against Soviet influence during the Cold War. "I ask, why not take out the man we put in? I'm told he's the only one who can keep the country together," he said. "Like he's going to live forever."

Smith, among the House's stron-

gest opponents of abortion, tangled with Oakley over reports Smith quoted that international relief workers are performing "chemical abortions" on refugee women who request them, even those who were not pregnant from rape.

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Smith responded that she was "playing semantic games" with the definition. At any rate, he said, "It's ending new life."

Recovery Continued from page 1

Specifically, bathroom stalls, plumbing and windows are being repaired. Supplies such as toilet tissue, soaps, paper towels, and hand drying machines are provided unabated.

"I'm here as a physical witness that there is something good going on in our city of Newark," said Al-Malyk Williams, a student of the

district. "Often times when I'm public speaking in various places, I find that people have a negative image of our city even before meeting one of us."

"Therefore it is my pride to share with you to invite you to come down and to see first hand what's going on in our great city and our magnificent schools."

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airing.

NBC plays the "race card" by opening the documentary with reaction to the verdict in the O.J. Simpson murder trial, which happened on the day of her attack in 1995, she said.

She said NBC also shows an inaccurate composite sketch of her alleged rapist. This, she said, "can only serve the fictional premise that there is a black bogey man out there, raping white women... This is Willie Horton all over again."

Pomer is a filmmaker and an anti-death penalty activist who works on the case of the man from New Jersey black activists on death row in Penney Yoneda for the shooting of a police officer.

"I'm stunned," NBC senior producer Claudia Pryor said of the criticism. "Most of the hour is based on her description of what she went through and is narrated by her."

The Simpson verdict was mentioned, in part, because Pomer stated that the alleged rapist told her that one of the reasons he attacked her was because he was angry about the reaction of many whites to the verdict, Pomer said. The composite was based

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Whitman meets with black ministers

by Thomas Martello

TRENTON (AP) — Two months ago, black ministers issued a report card on Gov. Christine Whitman. They gave her a 'C.'

On Tuesday, December 3, Whitman went to school on concerns of the black community during a meeting with ministers in a church basement.

Whitman, just one month from her election year, discussed a wide range of issues, including school funding, hospital charity care, welfare reform, and affirmative action.

The Republican governor said Trenton must come up with a permanent dollar source for hospital charity care when a stopgap measure expires at the end of next year. She pitched her school funding plan, appointed one of her staffers to meet regularly with the ministers, and pledged to oppose legislation to end affirmative action.

The ministers are attempting to widen their focus in the weeks following a successful get-out-the-vote effort in the November election. The black vote was boosted to 17 percent of the total vote in this presidential year, up from 10 percent four years ago. The high turnout was one of the reasons cited for big Democratic wins at the election.

Whitman said she is

by President Clinton and U.S. Sen. Robert Torricelli.

"It makes sense for the governor to meet with the leadership of the African-American community," said Rev. Reginald Jackson, executive director of the ministers council.

Jackson said it is wrong to assume black voters will simply cast ballots for the same candidates that Regent Gov. Thomas H. Kean got more than 60 percent of the black vote when he ran for re-election in 1989.

Whitman, who got about one-quarter of the black vote in 1993, will be hard-pressed to match Kean's 1985 numbers. Voter exit polls conducted last month by Voter News Service for The Associated Press and television networks found that while 55 percent of all voters approve of Whitman's job performance, about two-thirds of blacks don't think she's doing a good job.

The ministers' political arm in October issued an overall report card that gave Whitman an overall 'C' grade. Jackson said the governor seemed to respond to the ministers' concerns at their meeting, but said they now await action and will issue another report next October, and perhaps before Election Day.

"I don't think there's any Demo-

crat that has a leg up on her (among black voters)," said Jackson. "She's holding her own."

Whitman said "politics was not discussed" in the meeting with about 100 ministers in the basement of the Galilee Baptist Church.

Jackson said education is the top priority for the ministers. Whitman and lawmakers are working on a response to a state Supreme Court decision that says New Jersey shortcomings in public schools cost students in poor urban areas.

"We challenged the governor to work feverishly for parity in school funding," said the Rev. Calvin McKinney, vice president of the General Baptist Convention of New Jersey.

Whitman's plan calls for the teaching of a core curriculum in each school in an attempt to achieve what she calls a "world class" education standard in each school. However, those curriculum standards are surpassing in many suburban schools, leading to cities to say the plan would not close the disparity between rich and poor.

McKinney said the ministers agree there should be education standards in each school, and pitched a plan for ministers to "adopt" schools

to increase parent involvement. But he said while Whitman "uses the term core curriculum, we're talking about a comprehensive curriculum."

Jackson said Whitman agreed to create them in a partnership with the private sector to boost cities, saying they will target Camden, Newark, City, Trenton, Newark, Ashbury Park and Edison. He provided few details, and noted that prior to the meeting, "We felt there was no administration with this administration."

Jackson said job must be created in cities if Whitman's proposed welfare reforms are to work. The reform would end benefits after five years, "but they have got to have jobs to go to," he said.

The ministers also called on Whitman to form a bipartisan commission to deal with hospital charity care before Election Day.

"Put a proposal in last year with a 25 cent tax on cigarettes that didn't get anywhere, and say we need to revisit that," Whitman said.

Jackson said the ministers had already met with potential Democratic congressional candidates, but would not give names. He did say one, "is very familiar." When asked if it was former Gov. Jim Florio, defeated by Whitman in 1993, Jackson smiled but remained silent.



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Kids Kalendar

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11
JERSEY CITY—The Biblioteca Criolla branch of the Jersey City Public Library will host a Xmas crafts workshop for kids ages 8 to 12. Pre-registration is required. For more info call 201-547-4541.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12
CRAVENFORD—The Brookside Place School will host a Winter Concert at 1:40 p.m. For more info call the Board of Ed at 908-709-6244.

JERSEY CITY—The Educational Arts Team will host a Christmas crafts workshop at 3:30 p.m. at the Marion branch of the Jersey City Public Library. For more info call 201-547-4552.

JERSEY CITY—The Pearlman Branch of the Jersey City Public Library will host "Foto" the clown. For more info call 201-547-4555.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13
JERSEY CITY—The Hudson City Branch of the Jersey City Public Library will present "Flakey the Snowman" and his magic show at 1:15 p.m. For more info call 201-547-4556.

DECEMBER 13-15
UNION—The Model RR Club will hold a Model Railroad Club Holiday Show. The display features working models of trains, scenes, buildings and dioramas. Hours on Friday are 7 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 12 noon to 9 p.m.; and Sunday, 12 noon to 6 p.m. For more info call 808-540-4900.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
HOLMWOOD—The Monmouth County Park System will be holding "Adventures in Christmas" at the Holmwood Nature Farm, on Longstreet Road, for youngsters ages 8 and up. Pre-registration is required. For more info call 908-842-4000.

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Public Library will host "Ornaments with Mary Kay." For kids ages 7 and up, at 2 p.m. Pre-registration is required. For more info call 908-753-1171.

BERKELEY HEIGHTS—A variety of children's holiday events will be held in children's rooms at the Berkeleian Santa, face-painting, caroling, etc., from 10 am to 2 p.m. A trolley will be available for transportation to each event. For more info call 908-527-4900.

Students helping students



A Rutgers student volunteer for the Pilot Me program and her mentee seen to be enjoying their reading session.

by Jeromee L. Johnson

NEW BRUNSWICK—After the school bell rings on Friday, some third graders run home to catch the latest cartoon. But Courtney Moore, has other plans. She and other students will be attending "Pilot Me."

The six week program held at The Presbytarian Church 1001 Livingston Avenue in New Brunswick allows students six to 10 years of age a place to go for tutoring, mentoring and fun.

Area college and high school tutors serve as volunteers, mentors and role models.

"Pilot Me" is the brainchild of Helen Eurd, a Presbyterian Church member for 23 years and Fred C. Clark of United Campus Ministries. Rutgers University's Rutgers and Cook colleges provide additional financial assistance for the program under Dean Shawn Johnson of Rutgers College

and George Sulai, a Cook College advisor.

"Pilot Me" is run by the students every Friday from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Some 20-25 students, with the help of their tutors, complete homework, read books, paint, draw, write journals and practice other skills.

Registration for the program was slow, but has been a lot of the students moved since last year. It finally picked-up to the point where we have more kids than tutors," said Pauline Salati, the coordinator of the program and a Rutgers senior.

Some children are more high-strung than others, but discipline is part of the program. College students work one-on-one with students to help bolster caring, disciplined environment, something so important to leadership notes Clark.

Pilot Me will be offered to students again starting in February.

Governor's School accepting applications

TRENTON—The New Jersey Governor's School of Art, held annually at The College of New Jersey, is now accepting applications for the 1997 part.

Applications are available to high school juniors through their guidance counselors and principals.

Applicants must be residents of New Jersey, but may attend high schools out of state.

A specialized honors program,

the school offers gifted students five curriculum: creative writing, visual art, dance, acting, and music, each with different application requirements.

Students will spend four weeks on the college campus, working closely with professionals, including renowned artists and performers. Master classes, performances, and demonstrations are provided for the students, and trips are often taken to museums, concerts, dance and theater events.

Students to train as EMTs

EDISON—We are all aware of gangs in large cities. Street gangs are also affecting small and medium cities and rural towns throughout America by committing both serious and violent crime.

In addition to the visible gang "threat" often unchallenged by elementary and adolescent bullying is still another challenge to America's children and teens. Helping young people to avoid bullies and gangs is what *Beat The Bully Problem*, an awareness, intervention and prevention guide, is all about. Created for parents and educators to help children, and for children to learn how to help themselves, this self-help guidebook is an important educational problem in very real terms. Its clear, concise pages are loaded with preventative measures and protective solutions to eliminate the cold, cruel behavior that, like gangs, intimidates, injures and even critically harms children. *Beat The Bully Problem* is about becoming a victim.

To further teach the gang and bullying prevention message to America's young people, between the ages of 7 and 14, *Beat The Street* recently made its entrance into the conflict prevention and peaceful resolution arena.

Beat The Street is an interactive, hands-on program for use on CD-ROM-equipped IBM-PC and compatible school and home computers.

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All inquiries must enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Electronic Internet inquiries may be sent to uscccn@havens.ios.com.

Two Plainfield students demonstrate CPR on a dummy while School Superintendent Larry Leverett and County College President, Tom Brown look on.

PLAINFIELD—Fifteen Plainfield High School students will gain valuable lifesaving skills, and help reduce a shortage of emergency care personnel in the city.

The training will be supervised under a collaborative training program in Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) with Union County College and Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center.

The program, which started in November and will run through mid-May, is financed by a \$7,500 grant from the Plainfield Foundation.

Training, held at the College's Plainfield Campus, provides in-depth emergency preparation by Edward Reader, the College's EMT coordinator.

To help alleviate the shortage of EMTs in Plainfield, the College and Muhlenberg developed the EMT program to attract high school students into voluntary first aid and rescue squads, and eventually into health-related professions.

Students were selected based on a citywide shortage of certified First-Aid Personnel, Emergency Medical Technicians, and Paramedics, as typical of many communities.

The project will consist of 12 hours of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) instruction and 120 hours of Emergency Medical Technician and basic life support instruction. Classes will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Justin Edmund, the little angel in *The Preacher's Wife*

by Coyne Steven Sanders

"I loved making *The Preacher's Wife*. It was so much fun every day. It was the best time I've had in my whole life," says scene-stealing 6-year-old Justin Pierre Edmund, making his motion picture debut as "Jeremiah" in director Penny Marshall's heartwarming comedy for Hollywood Pictures, *The Preacher's Wife* opening nationwide December 20.

The film stars Whitney Houston as the gospel-singing wife of Reverend Henry Biggs (Courtney B. Vance), who is a good man but doubt his ability to make a difference in his troubled community and home.

Help is on the way, however, in the form of an angel named Dudley (Denzel Washington) who soon becomes both the source of and solution to their problems.

Articulate, intelligent, talented and fun-loving, Justin enjoyed the filming experience and says that he has a very positive go in mind.

"I was reading to do *The Preacher's Wife, Part II*," he says with great excitement. "I hope they do that, make another part to *The Preacher's Wife*. If they aren't thinking about it now, they should!"

Justin clearly relished the entire experience. From auditioning to filming his final scenes was a great adventure. His excitement is obvious as he recounts landing the role against hundreds of hopeful youngsters.

"I auditioned about six times before I got to be part," Justin says. "Then I read with Whitney, Denzel and the rest of the cast. I was nervous at first. I was so excited when they told me I got the part and said they liked me."

As *The Preacher's Wife* producer Elliott Abbott says of this remarkably talented little boy from Queens, New York, "We looked at several non-professionals as well as child actors for the role, but as soon as we saw Justin we knew we had found our Jeremiah. Justin can act, and he's a real little boy.

That is exactly what we wanted."

Although Justin was only 5 years old when he auditioned for the part, the precocious youngster was already a six-year veteran, having started his modeling career at the ripe old age of eight months. Some of his earlier credits include print work and commercials for Playskool, U.S. Health Care, The March of Dimes and Wrigley's Spearmint Gum.

"I rehearsed my dialogue with my mom, my part with my mom," Justin remembers. "I memorized the words in the script, because I can read. I like to read. I know all my lines every day."

Justin pauses for a moment, then says with a smile, "After all, I narrated the whole movie!"

As Justin happily remembers, "I love Denzel, Whitney and Courtney. Denzel and I gave each other spelling tests. Denzel and Whitney helped to show me how to ice skate for the movie. Whitney always talked to me and made me feel good. I think she's the prettiest singer in the whole world. My favorite song in the movie is the one she sings called *Hold On*. I play that over and over."

Not long ago, Justin saw *The Preacher's Wife* for the very first time.

"I've watched all of my scenes," he confides. "It's not just me in the scenes you know. Some of the other actors are in the scenes with me!" he generously offers. "I was huge on the



Justin Pierre Edmund stars as Jeremiah in *The Preacher's Wife*.

screen. It was fun seeing myself so big. I must have been one hundred feet tall!"

His family makes certain that he also has a carefree child-like and his close-knit family ensures that show business is kept in proper perspective.

"I tell Justin the only real stars are in the sky," says his mother Denise.

"He's really not touched by this at all. He doesn't even tell his friends that he's in the movie. He just wants to ride his bicycle with his puppy and be with his friends."

So far, however, he has not announced any plans to direct. But with this talented little boy, anything is possible.

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NEW JERSEY TRANSIT CORPORATION FISCAL YEAR 1997 REQUEST FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE							
THE INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY ACT OF 1996							
The New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ TRANSIT), under the provisions of the Intermodal Transportation Efficiency Act of 1996 (ITEA), gives notice of its intent to apply for \$111.27 million under 49 U.S.C. Section 5307 (formerly Section 1303) for Federal financial assistance, as well as \$167.21 million for capital projects under Section 5309 (formerly Section 5304) and \$167.21 million under Sections 5310 and 5311 (formerly Section 1509(c) and Section 18) for transportation services for senior citizens and disabled individuals and for training programs in rural areas. It also seeks \$100 million for the Surface Transportation Program and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funds under 23 U.S.C. Section 130.							
Federal Section 5307 operating funds and Sections 5310 and 5311 funds will be applied as required with funds provided by the State of New Jersey and/or participating private railroads. NJ TRANSIT will seek the maximum amount of Federal and State guidelines. NJ TRANSIT intends to provide the non-federal share of capital projects through a toll revenue system, and will seek Federal and State funds to commit to Urban Core projects as allowed by Sections 1044, 3028, and 303 of the ITEA. The fiscal year 1997 program is described in detail in the attached.							
Proposed Section 5304 Formula Operating and Capital Program (in Millions of Dollars)							
Project	Federal						
Operating Assistance	18.02						
Highway Light Rail Transit System	30.00						
Final Design and Construction	10.87						
Hamilton Transit Complex Construction	1.00						
Metra-Bus	0.00						
Paterson Street, New Concourse Construction	18.00						
Property Capital Leases	8.41						
Newark City Subway Vehicle Base	6.25						
Newark City Subway Infrastructure Improvements	15.50						
Private Carrier Equipment	0.00						
Commuter Rail System Upgrades	4.02						
Environmental Compliance Program	1.50						
Total	111.27						
Proposed Section 5309 Formula Program (in Millions of Dollars)							
Project	Federal						
Refurbishment of Existing Construction	21.00						
Montclair Construction	15.43						
Hamilton Transit Complex Construction	1.00						
Newark City Subway	1.00						
Facility Construction	8.85						
Metra-Bus	0.00						
West Trenton Rail Environmental Assessment	0.50						
West Trenton Rail Environmental Assessment	0.50						
Hudson-Bergen Light Rail Transit System Final Design and Construction-X	9.93						
Total	119.33						
Proposed Section 5309 Discretionary Program (in Millions of Dollars)							
Project	Federal						
Secaucus Transfer Construction	104.79						
Bus Fleet Clean Air Improvements	2.97						
Garden State Parkway Park-and-Ride Facility Construction	1.14						
Metra-Bus	0.00						
Refurbishment of Existing Construction	24.70						
Total	117.88						
Proposed Section 5309 Discretionary Program (in Millions of Dollars)							
Project	Federal						
Broadway Transfer Construction	1.00						
Bus Fleet Clean Air Improvements	2.97						
Garden State Parkway Park-and-Ride Facility Construction	1.14						
Metra-Bus	0.00						
Refurbishment of Existing Construction	24.70						
Total	117.88						
Proposed Section 133 Surface Transportation Program (in Millions of Dollars)							
Project	Federal						
Broadway Transfer Construction	104.79						
Bus Fleet Clean Air Improvements	2.97						
Garden State Parkway Park-and-Ride Facility Construction	1.14						
Metra-Bus	0.00						
Refurbishment of Existing Construction	24.70						
Total	117.88						
Proposed Section 140 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (in Millions of Dollars)							
Project	Federal						
Hotline Terminal Rehabilitation	4.00						
Rail Station Improvements	0.29						
Total	4.29						
Proposed Section 140 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (in Millions of Dollars)							
Project	Federal						
Non-Traditional Services and Transportation Management Support	10.28						
Montclair Construction	4.04						
Hamilton Transit Complex Construction	13.88						
Total	28.00						
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Business Calendar

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11
MARTINSVILLE—The Somersets County Chamber of Commerce will host the annual meeting and satirical roast at the Martinsville Inn. For more info call 908-725-1559.

BLOOMFIELD—The Regional Business Partnership will hold a Holiday Reception at the Forest Hills Club from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more info call 201-242-6537, extension 222.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12
NEW BRUNSWICK—A free seminar claiming claimants will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the New Jersey Law Center. For more information call 908-249-5000.

WEST WINDSOR—A "Community Assistance Seminar," also called the "SBA Takes the Loan Program on the Road," will be presented at Mercer County Community College. For more info call 609-586-4800, extension 688.

DECEMBER 12-19
JERSEY CITY—Hudson County Community College's Department of Continuing Education will present a course entitled "How to Start a Business in the Travel Industry." The 3 session course begins on December 12, and runs through December 19. The course is a part of a program leading to a Travel Counselor Certificate. For more info call 201-714-2107.

THROUGH DECEMBER 14
JERSEY CITY—The City College of Jersey City will offer a preparation course for the State of New Jersey Real Estate Salesperson's (Agent) Licensing Exam. For more info call 201-200-3089.

The Quality Learning Series presents training via satellite from the US Chamber of Commerce, with "Competing in the Digital Economy" by Don Tapscott. For more info call 1-800-835-4730.

DECEMBER 16-19

ANNUAL CONSTRUCTION Association of Minority Contractors will present an educational training workshop on underground storage tanks. The workshop will be held at the Holiday Inn. For more info call 201-347-0284.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18
NEWARK—The Regional Business Partnership invite all to celebrate the holiday season by taking a Victorian Tour of Newark's Museum of the Bataan House, from 8 to 9:30 a.m. For more info call 201-242-6237, extension 225.

BUSINESS

Governor Whitman hosts Women's Economic Summit

EAST BRUNSWICK—During her keynote address at the December 2 "Governor's Conference on Women: An Economic Summit," Governor Christie Todd Whitman stressed the importance of education, economics, and politics in empowering women in New Jersey.

She expressed dismay over a recent study that indicates the wage gap between women and men in New Jersey is the same as the national average, and stressed the importance of the core curriculum standards in education as a means to close the gap that has existed for so long.

The referenced study, entitled "The Status of Women in New Jersey," states that on average, women make slightly less than 60 cents on the dollar, compared to the country's average of 68-and-a-half cents.

Additionally, it reports that New Jersey ranks near the bottom nationally in women's business ownership—though less than 30 percent of all businesses in New Jersey are owned by women.

Governor Whitman stated, "All

students, no matter where they live in the state, should be trained for life after school. They must have cognitive learning skills that will enable them to grow and compete in the 21st century."

Hold at the Brunswick Hilton in East Brunswick, the conference was coordinated by the New Jersey Division on Women. Speeches by Edith Weiner, Assemblywoman Brown, and Congresswoman Linda E. Eshoo, Vice-Director of 10,000 Mentors, were also a highlight of the day-long event.

A variety of workshops focusing on women's economic issues were held in morning and afternoon sessions.

Workshop presenters included: Susanne Sivzen, Sr. V.P. Constates Bank; Judson Culbreth, Editor-In-Chief, *Working Mother*; Barbara Cheston, Coordinator, Women in the Trades Program; Ellen Silverman, President, Ellen Silverman Advertising; Jo Anne Heisen, Corporate Controller, Johnson & Johnson; Ellen Harris, V.P., PaineWebber; and Marcia Syms, President, Syms Corp., and

many more.

The conference was hosted by the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce and co-hosted by the Asian-Indian Chamber of Commerce, Executive Women of New Jersey, Greek-American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey, National Federation of Independent Business, New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners, New Jersey Pan-African Chamber of Commerce & Industry, the National Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey.

With some 750 women in attendance, the Division on Women touted the conference as a success. Despite the large numbers of women involved, minority women were but a handful of the attendees. As well, partisan politics were the rule of the day, with a contingent of women from the Republican National Committee assigned to a table close to the dais.

Members of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce will be meeting shortly with representatives from the Division on Women to discuss the outcome of the event and possible future efforts.

Irvington business seminar a triumph

IRVINGTON—Irvington's Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) program has spawned a lot of interest in doing business in the municipality. The UEZ held a business development seminar on November 14, that attracted an audience of about 90.

In her address to kick off the event, Mayor Sarah B. Bost said, "This event is just one in a succession of steps we have taken to bring economic revitalization to Irvington."

In just a few short months, since gaining designation as an Urban Enterprise Zone, we have made remarkable progress in our goal — to help ensure that our citizens have opportunities for financial freedom."

Representatives from the NJ Economic Development Authority



Mayor Sarah Bost of Irvington

According to Bost, the UEZ serves clients unable to obtain money from traditional funding sources. After completion of the eight-week program, participants present their business outlines to a panel of professionals, including bankers and C.P.A.'s, who determine the feasibility of the plan. Graduates can apply for financing through the NJ Development Authority for Small Businesses, Minorities' and Women's Enterprises.

The Irvington UEZ office plans to co-sponsor an E&B workshop beginning on January 22.

A seminar on the NJ Contractors Assistance Program (NJCAP) will be held in the spring. The NJCAP offers training courses and consultations with experienced construction industry executives to help small contractors get performance bonds, and to bid successfully on major construction projects.

UEZ Coordinator Lorelei N. Motte, responding to the tremendous audience turnout and response to the event, said, "It is clear that the seminar provided our business community with the vital information and resources they need."

Fleet Bank of Irvington served as corporate sponsor of the seminar.

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"We all see the tension, and we endorse the Urban League's call to the President to bring this problem forward into a summit," said U.S. Congressman William J. Coyne of Pennsylvania.

"Police need more training in conflict resolution, all police officers, especially street officers, need to be held accountable, and misconduct must bear a zero level of tolerance," said Ira Harris, executive director, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Officers (NOBLE).

NOBLE represents nearly 3,000 of the nation's black law enforcement officials. "A climate has been created where white officers really aren't afraid of reprisals for their actions."

"We need equal protection and dignity, under the law," said the Rev. Sykes of St. Petersburg, FL. "We do not need police harassment added to the multiple problems we already face."

Glory Foods supports NCNW Fund



Theresa Potter (l), marketing director of Glory Foods, Inc. poses with singer Gladys Knight, at the National Council of Negro Women Fund for the Future campaign launch in Washington, DC.

WASHINGTON, DC—Glory Foods, Inc. was among the corporate supporters attending the recent inauguration ceremonies for the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) Fund for the Future campaign held in Washington, DC.

Representing Glory Foods at this year's event were Theresa Potter, Director of Marketing and Lisa Cliff, National Sales Manager. The ceremonies included such speakers as First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, Mayor Marion Berry, Dr. Camille Cosby, Dr. Maya Angelou and Essence Editor-In-Chief, Linda Taylor.

The Fund for the Future is a three-year, thirty-million dollar campaign to develop NCNW timely initiatives and to continue the support of its 34 national affiliate organizations, sixty-thousand members, and 250 community-based sections in the United States and countries of Africa.

Funds raised will be earmarked to purchase and renovate the new NCNW headquarters on Pennsylvania Avenue in DC, and provide endowment support for NCNW's economic future.

NCNW's new building sets a historic precedent as it marks the first time an African-American organization has owned a building on the prestigious Pennsylvania Avenue in downtown Washington.

"We share the same goal in terms of reaching out to women who are our primary target market," said Lisa Cliff, National Sales Manager, Glory Foods Inc.

"However, our concern here is to support a program of action that can enhance the quality of life for all women and their families," adds Cliff.

Glory, which began its involvement with NCNW through the Black Family Reunion Celebrations, pledged a three-year donation totaling \$25,000.

Dr. Dorothy I. Height, president and founder of NCNW, has a formidable track ahead of her in the next three years. She will be aided in her efforts by a dedicated Board of Directors that includes Dr. Maya Angelou (chair) and Dr. Camille Cosby and Susan Taylor of Essence Magazine.

Theresa Potter who heads the fund-raising initiative on behalf of Glory Foods and serves on the NCNW Corporate Advisory Council, echoed similar sentiments.

"We support this collective mission, and we stress continually that when consumers buy Glory Foods products, they are in fact supporting a wider reinvestment effort that impacts the development of programs and resources that service their community."

"We are committed to this philosophy, and our relationship with NCNW is an example of this commitment in action."

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